

**CITY OF WILLERNIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Parent, Miller, Warren, Baglio, Soderlund, Attorney-Susannah Torseth, Maintenance Superintendent-Rick Paulson and Clerk-Vickie Keating.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Miller moved to approve the agenda, Baglio seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2018 MEETING**

Baglio moved to approve the October 2018 minutes as pre-read, Warren seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Everyone present was on the agenda so there were no public comments at the November meeting.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The Washington County Officers did not attend the November 2018 meeting.

**CANVASS THE POLLS FOR 2018 ELECTION**

A resolution describing the number of votes for the candidates running for City office was read by the Mayor. A motion to approve the canvass was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

A motion to approve the All Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Warren. Miller seconded the motion and the plan was approved.

### **2019-2021 EAST METRO EDUCATION PLAN**

Renewal for the East Metro Education Plan was read and then a motion to approve the plan was made by Baglio. Soderlund seconded the motion and the Plan was approved.

### **STEVE HENDRICKS AND HOWARD MOORE**

Mrs. Hendricks asked questions concerning the vehicles parked at 310 Kimberly. She wanted to know the steps that have been taken to rectify the situation at this address and what is going to happen in the future. The ordinances are misleading since they state that the problems will be rectified in 5 to 7 days. Mrs. Hendricks would like the owners of 310 Kimberly to understand this is not a personal issue, it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

There is also a question about the visibility on the corner and how the vehicles parked at this address could be obstructing the view for oncoming traffic.

Howard Moore asked questions concerning the City Ordinances. The Council explained the ordinances are the City Laws and are enforced on a regular basis. Mr. Moore does not understand why it takes 90 days to process the complaints, instead of the 5 days as written in the ordinances.

The next question concerns land lords that do not maintain their own property and also have rental properties. The renter is burning trash items next to a plastic building.

Howard Moore called the police on the fire issue and nothing has been done about it.

Susannah explained the City has been talking about the violations and the process on a monthly basis. Since the discussions have begun a stream line process has been implemented. Any agent can fill out an ordinance violation. Pictures are sent to the Council and then it is reviewed. If nothing has been cleaned up the resident receives a

notice of violation and the resident has so many days as outlined in the violation to clean up the area or the tickets can be issued by the police. After the ticket is issued the resident can end up in court, but the prosecutor needs evidence of the violations for the court that explains the necessity for the steps the City is taking.

A letter was sent out in September, in October the property owners were spoken to about the violations. Now the Council can decide on the notice of violation but the whole process takes at least two months.

The Mayor explained the Council is in the process of reviewing and updating the City Ordinances but again this takes time. The reason for the review is to fine tune the ordinances and reduce questions on the ordinances.

### **MARK WARREN APPOINTMENT FOR BANK ACCOUNT**

Since Mark Bohnen resigned from the Council and he was the deputy mayor with his signature on the bank account, the City needs to remove Mark Bohnen's name from the account and request Mark Warren to sign the signature card.

Parent moved to place Mark Warren on the City bank account signature card and remove Mark Bohnen. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

### **TSCHETTER FENCE**

Mr. Tschetter attended a meeting several months ago asking to purchase the road behind his house. The Council was not interested in selling the property at that time.

After looking at the property, it is a non-platted road belonging to the City of Willernie that Mr. Tschetter has installed an 8-foot fence on without a building permit.

Jack Kramer sent a letter to Mr. Tschetter explaining that the fence needs to be removed and a permit requested to install a fence. The letter was returned due to the address on the property. The Clerk will contact the County to request the address on this property and mail the letter to Mr. Tschetter.

### **EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR CABLE COMMISSION**

A motion to extend the Cable Commission agreement was made by Miller. Baglio seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **COUNTY 12 UPDATE**

The County has received a grant from the state for \$900,000. Willernie will receive \$200,000. They are not sure what amount, if any, can be used on the water main. The City of Mahtomedi is using state funding for the lights in the downtown area, so the funds raised for the lights will be returned.

Mahtomedi is asking for a joint meeting to establish a relationship concerning the lights in the downtown area.

The county will be starting the work on County 12 in March and it will be under construction for a year.

### **YARDS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES**

310 Kimberly had a notice sent out, the property owners were at the October meeting and the November meeting. There are several issues to discuss:

1. RV is gone from the property and the out of state truck is gone. One car has been in the same place for some time. All cars on the property need registration, insurance and current tabs. These cars also must run and moved when necessary. The Council explained to the owners of 310 Kimberly that having a yard as a parking lot devalues the property.
2. Bello's own 7 vehicles. Each car was described, and Mrs. Bello explained the situation on them. Most of the cars run, however, some have been sitting for a year or more and they need to be removed from the property.
3. The Council must decide on a time period for the removal and clean up of the vehicles. These vehicles can be towed and added to special assessments, but the City will pay for the tow at the time of action. Usually the judge's fine residents for breaking ordinances, however, jail time can be issued.

The Council suggested 2 weeks to remove the vehicles that are not used on the property.

Susannah explained that a notice of violation with 15 days for removal of the vehicles can be issued. After the 15 days the sheriff can issue tickets.

302 Kimberly still has personal items in the yard. The wooden shed was to remain on the property as discussed at the October meeting. The plastic, temporary shed, was to be removed and the items in it were to be sold or stored somewhere else. The vehicle has been moved out of the yard. There has been burning of articles that are not recreational campfires. There should not be more than one exterior storage building on the property according to City Ordinance.

A notice of violation will be sent out stating that the resident has 15 days to clean up the area.

A motion to send out this notice of violation was made by Soderlund. Parent seconded the motion and the motion passed.

115 Leeds has a camper with no tabs – needs a notice of violation

317 Wildwood Road has cinder blocks behind the house and will also receive a notice of violation.

### **COUNCIL MEETING START TIME**

After discussing the 8:00 p.m. time for the Willernie City Council meeting it was moved to change the start time to 7:00 p.m. in January 2019 by Parent. Soderlund and Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **GRANTS**

Miller has an application for the Rice Creek Watershed District that is due December 31. Miller is meeting with Les Mateffy to go over the numbers on the grant before it is submitted.

### **RICK REPORT**

Leaf vac is done due to the poor weather conditions.

White Horse has asked if Willernie can order a sign to be installed in the driveway of the row houses. They want it marked as private property. The association will pay for the sign and the installation if Willernie will order it for them. The Council has no objection to the sign as long as White Horse reimburses the City.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Baglio moved to approve the bills, Soderlund seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Soderlund moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Baglio seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R. Keating  
Clerk-Treasurer